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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Appropriations Surveys and  
Investigations (HAC S&I) Team Regarding Armored  
Vehicles

1. On 19 June 1984, in Room 1E836, The Pentagon, Lisa Grob and Richard Meeks were briefed by [ ] Chief, Overseas Support Staff, Office of Security, regarding the methods and procedures in which our Agency prepares our armored vehicles used at our overseas installations.

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2. Ms. Grob began the briefing by asking if [ ] knew anything about threat assessments against armored vehicles. He stated that his component does not get involved in that area, that they are responsible for providing what is called a security package only.

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3. He stated that the Agency program began in 1976 after the Richard Welsh incident in Greece. The Agency asked for and received guidance and assistance from the Department of State and the Secret Service on setting up the first vehicles. He explained the procedure of how they work closely with our Office of Logistics in obtaining the material, vehicles, and etc. After everything is obtained, the equipment is then given to the Motor Pool, where all the work on the armored vehicles are completed. The procedure was explained as to how all the material is tested over and over again, ensuring that it will withstand up against [ ]

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[ ] Ms. Grob asked several times why the Agency did not go for a higher protection level? [ ] stated that they felt very comfortable with [ ] and from past experience it was not necessary to change our standards.

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4. Ms. Grob asked several questions: who would be assigned these cars; how much training, if any, would they receive in defensive driving school; would there be any chauffeur's involved, if so, would they be foreign service employees; and where do we buy the greater bulk of our materials? All these questions were answered by [ ]

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5. The only outstanding issue left unresolved was Ms. Grob asked if the Agency would provide her Team with a chart that would show the number of attacks overall (world-wide) against such vehicles and if it would show an increase or decrease over the past four years. The undersigned stated that she would probably have to go to the Department of State to obtain such a chart, but that I would get back to her if indeed our Agency could provide such a document. (Note: Ms. Grob was informed on 25 June that the Agency does not have the chart in question and once again referred her to State.)

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